GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri S. Gurrappa, Forest Range Officer (Retd) of Bhakarapet Range of Chittoor East Wildlife Management Division – Expired on 10.02.2014 – Findings received – Further action abated – Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 91 Dated:01-10-2015.
Read the following:-

From the Prl.CCF Lr. Ref.No.31104/2006/Vig-1, Dt:07.03.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)(i/c), A.P. Hyderabad has informed that an Article of Charge was issued to Sri S.Gurrappa , Forest Range Officer, by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests vide Ref.No.31104/2005/PXR-3 dt:26-06-2007, on the following count:-

Article –I That he has grossly neglected his duty in protection of Forest resulting in destruction of Forests worth Rs.2,53,374/-(Rupees Two lakhs Fifty Three thousand Three hundred and Seventy Four only) in the Reserve Forest of Chamala East Beat of S.V.National Park, Chamala Range.

Article-II "That he has neglected his legitimate duty by not bringing the large scale fellings in Chamala East Beat of Nagapatla Section to the notice of the Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Management Division, Tirupathi.

Article-III That he has failed to pull up and guide the field staff in bearing up for the protection of Red Sanders smuggling which resulted in damage of valuable R.S. Forest in Chamala (E) beat.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 05.02.2008 and submitted his explanation on 20-3-2008. Not satisfied with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, (WLM) Tirupathi as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Division Tirupathi as presenting officer vide PCCF Rc.No.31104/2006/PXA-2 (i&ii) dt:07-03-2009 (Inquiry Officer & Presenting Officer) for conducting regular enquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer conducted the enquiry and submitted his findings in Conservator of Forest, WLM Tirupati, Rc.No.1308/2006/M4 dt:10-12-2012(Findings). The findings were communicated to the Charged Officer, through final notice vide PCCF Rc.No.31104/2006/K5 dt:25-12-2012. The Inquiry Officer in his findings concluded that:

On the basis of documentary and oral evidences adduced in the case and in view of the reasons given, it is observed that the justification given by the Charged Officer on the vacancy position of the chamala east beat and Nagapatla section is partly correct and hold the charges framed against the charged officer as follows:

Charge-1: partly proved.
Charge-2: partly proved.
Charge-3: partly proved.

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4. Meanwhile, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad while enclosing the death certificate of the Charged Officer, has informed that Sri S. Gurrappa, Forest Range Officer (Retired) did not submit his further defence and died on 10.02.2014 and proposed to abate further disciplinary action against the Charged Officer.

5. The matter has been examined by the Government in the light of the sub-rule (7) (a) of rule 9 of the A. P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as mentioned in G.O.Ms.No.85, Fin&Plg. (FW.Pen-I) Dept., dt 12.7.1999 and under the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.995 Finance (Pen.I) Dept dt 21.12.2002.

6. After careful examination of the matter, Government here by order to abate further action against the deceased Government servant Sri S. Gurrappa, Forest Range Officer (Expired), formerly in-charge of Bhakarapet Range of Chittoor East Wildlife Management Division in this case.

7. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad.
Legal heirs of late Sri S. Gurrappa, Forest Range Officer, (Expired)
(through Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.)

Copy to
The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER